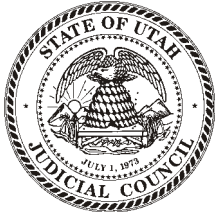


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NEW TOOELE COURTHOUSE TO OPEN DOORS MARCH 1

Tooele, UT—The new Tooele Courts Complex is scheduled to open its doors for business at 74 South 100 East—just east of the existing courthouse—on Thursday, March 1, 2007.

Since the ground breaking on the courts complex took place August 2005 work has been steady to build the 57,600 sq. ft. \$10.4 million facility. The courthouse includes three courtrooms for use by the district, juvenile, and justice courts. One additional unfinished courtroom has been framed for future use. The Tooele County Attorney's Office also has an office located in the building.

The building is expandable and can accommodate up to four additional courtrooms as the population and caseload in Tooele County grows. A unique feature of the new building is a secure corridor that allows in-custody prisoners to be transported through a tunnel from the jail to a central holding area in the courthouse. This design feature prevents interaction between the prisoners and the public or staff.

Tooele County and the Utah State Courts jointly own the Courts Complex with 70 percent of the space allotted for use by the state and 30 percent by Tooele County.

Employees will move into the new courthouse the last week in February. The court offices in the Tooele Courthouse will close for business on Feb. 28 at 5:00 p.m. The new telephone number for District Court is (435) 833-8000 and Juvenile Court is (435) 833-8040. The Justice Court phone number will remain the same, which is (435) 843-3230.

MHTN Architects designed the Tooele Courthouse. Layton Construction was the general contractor on the project.

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